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Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption
Date: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 8:29:09 AM
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George

Sounds good. My supervisor, Thea Tryon, will also be on the call. Should we call you at (415) 972-3532 or is there a better number? Thank you.

Rich

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From: Robin, George [mailto:Robin.George@epa.gov]
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Cc: Tryon, Thea@Waterboards; Robin, George; Albright, David
Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

Rich,

Yes, let's go for Tues. Nov. 12th at 10:00 am.

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Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

George

Thank you for the information you provided. Our agency, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has been approached by a gentleman named John Donahue of Bear Energy to assist with an aquifer exemption application for a small oil field near San Ardo. He was referred to us by DOGGR. We are trying to figure out what our role is expected to be in this process but there is very little info available and no one in our office has any experience with aquifer exemptions. Please let me know if you would be available for a call on Tuesday morning November 12 at 10:00 AM to discuss whether the Water Board should be involved and, if so, what our involvement would consist of. Thank you.

Rich

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From: Robin, George [<mailto:Robin.George@epa.gov>]
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Cc: R9.Info; COHEN, Deborra; Ziegler, Cynthia; R9-Deep; Albright, David
Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

Hi Rich,

I am interested in the particular application of your concern that you express the need to exempt an aquifer.

There are no forms for filling.

There are regulations and guidelines which are applicable, however because of the seriousness and complexity involved, questions should precede action and they should be addressed to those of us in the UIC program. Please also consider my supervisor David Albright, Manager, Ground Water Office, in this email's Cc-List.

Please be aware of these:

- 40 CFR Part 144.7 "Identification of underground sources of drinking water and exempted aquifers."
- 40 CFR Part 146.4 "Criteria for exempted aquifers"
- EPA's UIC Guidance 34 at http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/pdfs/guidance/guide-memo_guidance-34_review_state_prog.pdf

In short:

An "aquifer exemption" is an action taken solely by EPA.

That action exempts, removes an "aquifer" (more correctly, an USDW or "underground source of drinking water" as defined at 40 CFR Part 144.3 "Definitions") from protection. Therefore, this action is quite the most serious such that can be made within the UIC program.

We should engage in a conversation in the near future, although this week is quite hectic for me. Let's determine a time when it is convenient for us.

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Cc: R9.Info; COHEN, Deborra; Ziegler, Cynthia; Robin, George; Basinger, David
Subject: Re: (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

Hi Rich,

I have forwarded your message to George Robin and David Basinger for response. You should be hearing from one of them shortly.

The UIC Permit Application refers to an aquifer exemption on page 6, item S at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/7520-6.pdf> This has some instruction on the process.

--Kerry Shoji

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Requests/Comments: Is there an application form for aquifer exemptions, or any published guidelines that instruct someone on how to apply for an aquifer exemption? If either of these documents exist can they be downloaded from the internet, or alternatively, emailed to me? Thank you.